

**MINUTES FROM MH WORKGROUP MEETING  
October 8, 2003**

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**Welcome and Introductions were made.**

**Updates since last MH Workgroup Meeting –**

Steering Committee - met on 9/24/03. Introduction of new Director of Planning and Information Management for Fx/Falls Church CSB, Cathy Pumphrey. Congrats to Lynn DeLacy on recent appointment as Facility Director at NVMHI. Updated provided to group by George Barker on potential closures and relocations of private psychiatric hospitals/units. Discussion of Partnership Planning Project Report. More input needed in Phase 2 around Co-Occurring Disorders, consumer-oriented services. Also more consumer participation needed on workgroups.

Private Psychiatric Hospital Group – met on 9/17/03 and reviewed survey on patient characteristics. After all data is collected it will be reviewed at October 15 meeting. The group will continue defining the roles of public and private sector mental health provider.

**Recovery Group update** – The group is working on a regional conference in the spring with other events happening over the next several months. Some discussion of possible speakers for the spring conference. More consumers needed on this workgroup. Information shared regarding Recovery Initiative in Fairfax. Other CSBs to report on their progress toward incorporating the Recovery Model at their agency. This group will communicate by email over the next month and then report out to the MHWG.

**Forensic Group update** – initiatives shared from other CSBs, e.g. 11/21 conference in Fairfax, MH Courts being explored in Arlington. Continued discussion of use of Discharge Assistance Funds for NGRI clients. This group to arrange a meeting over next few weeks.

Phone conference scheduled for October 13 with Lynn DeLacy, Jim Thur, Leslie Weisman and Joan Durman to discuss future direction of the Partnership and MHWG. Output from this meeting will be shared at next MHWG meeting.

**Next meeting scheduled for November 12, 2003 at NVMHI from 12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.**